

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MEDIA ALERT

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NEW RAMP FROM SR 13 TO I-985 SOUTH OPEN NOW

WHEN: Thursday, October 22

WHERE: State Route (SR) 13/Atlanta Highway to Interstate 985 – Exit 17

WHAT: The new entrance ramp from SR 13/Atlanta Highway to I-985 south is now open for use. All of the new structures on this project are now open to traffic.

“Next week crews will be working overnights Monday through Thursday on I-985 in both directions from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. to install rumble strips on the shoulders of the interstate. Crews will only work in one direction at a time. Work will begin with the inside shoulder northbound then inside shoulder southbound. The inside lane will be closed as work occurs in the area. Work will then move to the outside shoulder, closing the outside lane working northbound first and then coming back southbound,” said DOT District Construction Engineer, Randall Davis.

Cable barrier installation in the median is almost completed. Crews only need to tension the cable and install reflectors.

Median work and punch list items will continue throughout the fall. Intermittent lane closures will be required to complete that work.

“Please slow down as you travel through the work zone since these changes are in place. We are proud to finish all the new structures on this project more than two months ahead of schedule. There is still some punch list work to do over the next several weeks,” concluded Davis.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org.

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